## REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's courtesy of a telephone interview on November 6, 2006. Further to that conversation, Applicant herein amends claim 39 and cancels claims 46, 48, and 49. Applicant also gratefully acknowledges the indication of allowability for claims 1, 4-7, 9, 10, 13-20, 26-34, 37, 38, 39, and 41-45. Cancelled claims 46, 48, and 49 will be filed in a continuation application.

In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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